

Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting
May 16, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: James Laidler, Talia Toller, Patricia Kepler, Missy Kirkland.

Members Absent: Rick Higgins (excused), Caren Wilson (excused), Mary Guptil, Peter Barker.

Guests: None

Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2013 meeting. Missy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Liaisons:

Reports: Councilor Arnold reported on the discussion surrounding the potential move of City Hall to the Office Building at the Beaverton Round, and the progress for review and adoption of the City's budget for next fiscal year.

Old Business:

- **City Taxi Service for Persons with Disabilities.** The draft letter provided by Jim was discussed. Jim will take the discussion notes and prepare a final draft.
- **Art Show for Persons with Disabilities.** Caren was unable to attend, so this item was tabled to the next meeting.
- **Update on Getting a Police Department Representative to Speak About their Training in Dealing with Persons with Mental Health Issues.** Officer Jamie Beane attended and spoke about use of force during encounters with the public. Officer Beane explained that officers are trained to use 'a reasonable amount for force' based on the threat level (as per Department Policies and procedures, Oregon Statutes and Federal Case Law). The higher the threat level, the higher the force used. The threat level is determined by the actions of the suspect's behavior. Officer Beane explained that it is not

always apparent to an officer who has mental health issues or who is behaving badly. In many cases an officer must make split-second decisions to protect the suspect, public and themselves, so it is often perceived that unnecessary force is used; however, it is based on the actions of the suspect. A follow-up discussion suggested that additional efforts to explain to the public how the Police Department must deal with situations that involve use of force, such as road show, Your City articles, etc., would be helpful.

New Business:

- **CDAC support for proposed changes along Canyon road between SW 117th and SW Hocken for improving pedestrian safety.** A letter of support has been prepared for the Chair's signature.
- Patricia reported that Independent Living Resources is planning a disabilities resource fair for the Fall.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2013